Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Richard Sullins,

I do not have all the New Orleans testimony, as you say Bud Fensterwald told you. However, I do have Finck's. It is a rather poor Thermofax, one that would not reproduce well and one I would hesitate to risk in the mails because of what has happened to some of my mail.

You ask for a vast amount in "Information, especially pictures, pf David Ferrie;" "Pictures made at the scene of the assassination" (I prsume Bud has about what I do on this); and "Information on the disappearance of the Stemmons Freeway sign."

I think you should understand that those of us who write books have as a purpose informing people. Your letter indicates an unfamiliarity with some of what I have published. Obviously, I can't take the time to write that all gur for anyone thereafter.

Your purposes are your own affair. However, your letter does indicate a lack of familiarity with the basic published information. Therefore, I wonder if you are going into what you may not be properly prepared for.

There is a school of thought that holds fact and knowledge are irrelevant, but I do hot belong to that school.

I am not avoiding answer. You ask the impossible of me. I can't begin to send you those of the requests in my files. I have an enormous amount on Ferrie. However, I also plan to write about it hence can't give it away. Moreover, I do not put others in a position to engage in uses prior to publication that I may believe not proper.

You indicate a wide interest yet display no familiarity with the basic literature. Were I to give you this material, are you really in a position to digest it?

Perhaps if I knew your purposes I might be able to be more helpful. But you ask for materials that could fill several books. That is quite beyond easy response.

In any event, I do believe that prior to going off on your own you should be familiar with what has been published, not all of which is dependable. Without a solid grasp of the fundamental and available information you may err seriously and waste much time.

My Oswald in New Orleans is out of print. I haven only a couple of copies and do not let any go without goodx reason and then for the replacement cost of $21, which is for most people prohibitive. In it I have what was generally known about Ferrie as of early 1967 plus what I'd by then found in the Arcbives, FBI and Secret Service reports. I brought him to light in my second book. Neither book includes the picture of him which are readily available from news agencies and were published in early 1967.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

A copy of the letter I told you about. Thanks! Richard

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